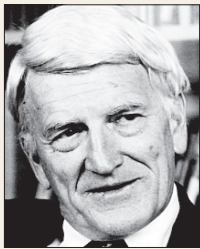


TOP NEWS



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AG GIANT

Whitney MacMillan, the last member of the founding family to run the firm, has died. He was 90. **D1**

ACLU demands agencies' info
Suit seeks details on how feds are using facial recognition data. **A2**

Berlin targets far-right party
Intel leaders label it "extremist" and say it is a threat to democracy. **A3**

Jailed migrant's death probed
Cuban killed himself while waiting in L.A. immigration detention. **A3**

U.S. strike hits militia in Iraq
Attack was retaliation for American, British deaths. **A3**

LOCAL NEWS

Insulin bill moves ahead
The state Senate approved a long-awaited measure to aid diabetics. **B3**

Neighbors protest project
East Phillips wants to keep its Indoor Urban Farm from bulldozers. **B1**

SPORTS

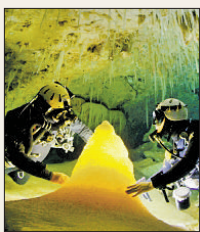
Leagues are right to cancel
Health must take precedence, Jim Souhan writes. **C1**

BUSINESS

UNFI sells Cub real estate
Nothing changes at the 15 stores, which have been hard to sell. **D1**

Social space is not personal
It's time to keep a distance from your colleagues and customers. **D1**

VARIETY



'Ancient Caves' meets new tech
Science Museum debuts digital film to showcase its theater upgrade. **E1**

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Harvey Weinstein had a heart attack Wednesday, hours after he was sentenced to 23 years in state prison. **A2**

Global shutdown

By STAN CHOE, LORI HINNANT and TIM SULLIVAN
Associated Press

NEW YORK – Schools shut down across much of Europe. Gatherings were canceled or banned from California to Germany. And the coronavirus reached directly into the world's centers of power Thursday, with politicians in Canada, Brazil, Spain and elsewhere either testing positive for the new virus or putting themselves into self-quarantine as fallout from pandemic further upended daily life.

The escalating crisis has wreaked havoc on businesses and financial markets, sending U.S. stocks to their worst losses since the Black Monday crash of 1987. European markets

closed with one of the worst days in history.

"We are in a global panic," said Estelle Brack, an economist in Paris. "We are in the deep unknown."

After weeks downplaying the virus, President Donald Trump's announcement Wednesday of strict rules that keep most Europeans from visiting came as a shock. Within hours, even the European Union's passport-free travel came into question, with guards in places that had been without borders for more than a decade and airports shut down.

The head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Robert Redfield, called Europe "the new China," noting that the vast majority of

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U.S. 'FAILING'

Glacial testing pace called a critical flaw.

GAMES OVER

NHL, MLB on hold, no March Madness.

RACE FOR BILL

Congress in urgent talks to offer relief.

CHURCH PASS

Catholics, Mormons get to skip services.

Plummeting stocks set latest 'worst day' mark

By DAVID J. LYNCH, THOMAS HEATH, TAYLOR TELFORD and HEATHER LONG
Washington Post

The stock market crashed to its worst day since 1987, shrugging off dramatic intervention by two central banks and a prime-time address by President Donald Trump as Americans realized the coronavirus will impose new limits on their daily lives.

The Dow Jones industrial average posted its largest one-day point loss in history, dropping almost 2,353 points to

close at 21,200.62.

In percentage terms, the 10% loss marked the Dow's worst day since the infamous October day known as "Black Monday."

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell into a bear market, defined as falling 20% from a prior high. In an epic daylong rout, European markets suffered similar declines, with exchanges in Paris and Frankfurt shedding more than 12% and London's FTSE index losing nearly 11%.

As investors struggled to

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Brian Howell, a lab technologist at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, works on extracting RNA from a sample. Tests were made available to Mayo health care providers on Thursday. The supply will open up to others in the coming days.

Mayo rolls out fast-tracked virus test

By CHRISTOPHER SNOWBECK
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The Mayo Clinic has begun rolling out a test to detect the virus that causes COVID-19, a development that comes as concerns build that a lack of testing capacity could thwart a robust response to the outbreak.

Mayo's large commercial lab in Rochester is one of several that have scrambled in recent weeks to create a test that can detect coronavirus in specimens. The lab says it started making tests available to health

care providers at Mayo on Thursday and will open the supply to others in the coming days. Mayo's initial capacity of 200 to 300 tests per day is expected to grow in the coming weeks.

Creating a new test usually takes months or even a year, clinic officials say, but they opted to fast-track development of the new test beginning in mid-February after watching the virus overwhelm the health care system in China, where the outbreak strain of coronavirus originated.

"Trying to develop a test in a

span of weeks is difficult," said Matthew Binnicker, director of the clinical virology lab at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. "We've been working diligently, around the clock."

Mayo Clinic Laboratories is a large commercial lab in Rochester that receives thousands of samples every day from clinics and hospitals around the world, not just from health care providers at Mayo's primary medical centers in Minnesota, Arizona and Florida. Last year, the lab completed about

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Not his finest hour

Trump's speech triggers panic, while Biden and Sanders offer contrasts. **A7**

Pro sports benched

Hardly any sport untouched by the sudden shutdown. **C1**

\$1.2B in state reserve

Gov. Tim Walz proposed a scaled-back budget to leave money for the outbreak. **B1**

Prison visits halted

Experts say incarcerated inmates at greater risk. **B1**

Daily life retreats from public spaces

By MARY LYNN SMITH
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Daily life across Minnesota is changing dramatically as organizations and institutions hastily maneuver to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus.

People are being forced to keep their distance as sporting and entertainment events are canceled, higher education goes online only and businesses encourage employees to work from home. By Thursday, nine cases of COVID-19 had been

identified in the state, according to the Minnesota Department of Health.

St. Thomas Academy shut down school Thursday and Friday "out of an abundance of caution" after learning that a parent had tested positive for COVID-19. It's unclear if the parent is among those identified by state health officials.

"While this individual has not been on campus, we are working with the family to gather more information," the school said in a note to families.

"We are also working with the local health agencies to determine the appropriate course of action."

Within days, the specter of the virus outbreak has forced organizations to shut down events, heeding recommendations from health officials that gatherings of more than 250 people be canceled or postponed. The archbishop issued a dispensation to Twin Cities Catholics lifting their obligation to attend Sunday mass, See **CLOSED** on A6 ►



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Osceola High School in Osceola, Wis., closed Tuesday for cleaning.